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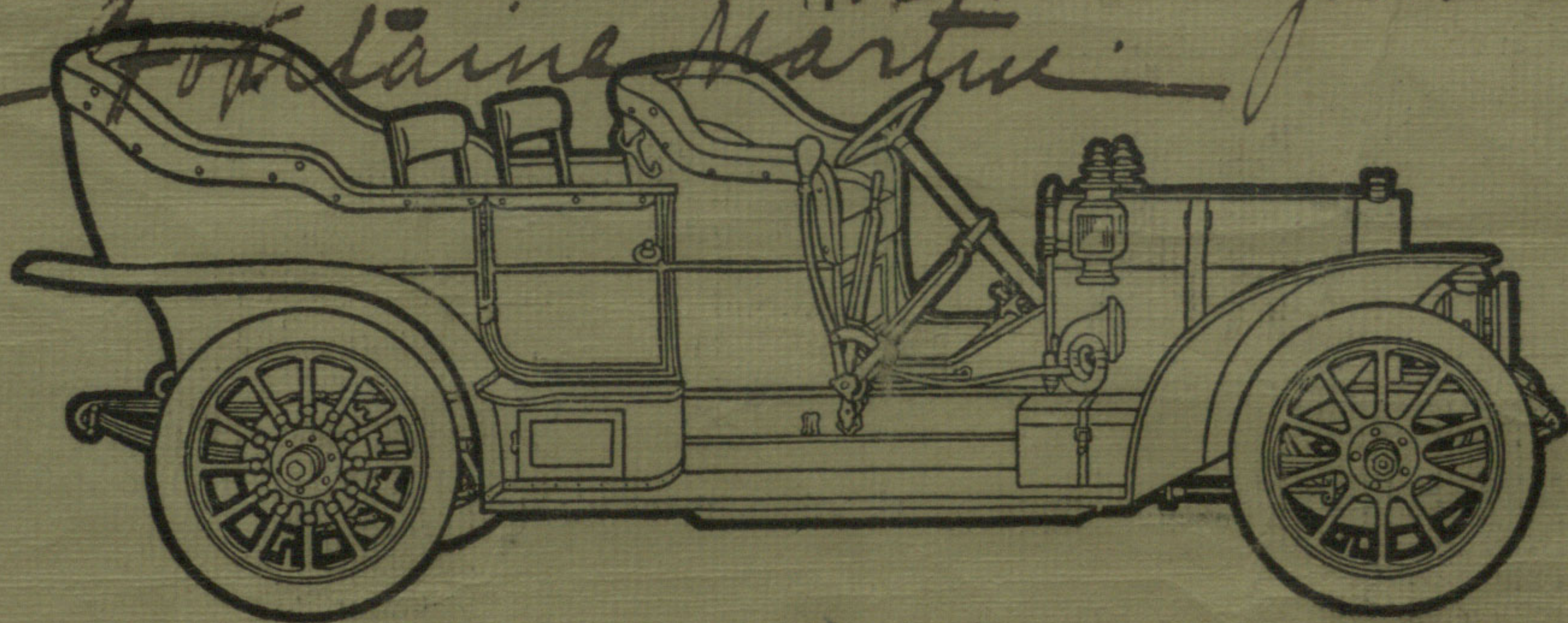
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First Annual Road Contest

*Went in a Welch car driven by William J.
B. with Uncle Bill Thompson. He and Mrs
Emmett Joyner, Miss Marguerite Moon
and Mr. F. L. Martine.*



Memphis Automobile Club

**Friday
May 22
1908**

OFFICIALS OF THE CONTEST

Referee,
JOS. H. STEWART.

Starter,
H. H. LITTY.

Assistant Starter,
W. H. LIGGETTE.

Surgeon.
DR. FRANK GRAHAM.

First Annual Road Contest

Under Auspices of the

Memphis Automobile Dealers' Association

To be Held

Friday, May 22, 1908.

The rules and regulations to govern the contest are as follows:

ROUTE.

A Pilot Car will mark out the route at all turns and crossings with confetti.

1. ENTRANTS.

Each entrant will be presumed to know these rules and agrees to abide thereby, and further agrees to hold harmless and indemnify the Memphis Automobile Dealers' Association against all loss or damage, occasioned directly or indirectly by the contest, or the cars entered therein or the occupants thereof.

The Memphis Automobile Dealers' Association assumes no responsibility of any kind for any car entered, or its accessories, equipment, driver or passengers.

2. ENTRIES.

Entries must be made to any member of the Association on or before 12 o'clock noon of Thursday, May 21, which entry must give all details and information asked in the entry blank. The right is reserved to refuse any entry.

Positions in the race will be determined by lot and the list published in the morning paper of May 22d.

3. CARS, EQUIPMENT AND DRIVERS.

Each car entered must be driven by the entrant, or by a driver or drivers named by him, and approved by the referee.

Each car must at all times during

the contest be equipped with body, mudguards and muffler, according to the catalogue specifications. Failure to complete the contest with the above equipment in place will be penalized.

Each Runabout must carry at least two passengers, each four or five passenger car must carry at least four passengers, each seven passenger car must carry at least six passengers (driver and observer counted as passengers).

Each car must carry its official number prominently displayed on each side during the contest, which numbers will be issued in the order entries are received.

No advertising matter of any kind whatsoever will be permitted to be carried or displayed on any car during the contest.

4. SCHEDULE AND CONTROLS.

The first car will be started in the morning at 10 o'clock, and thence in numerical order every minute thereafter.

A schedule will be furnished each contestant, showing the course to be followed, the checking stations established, and the time the car must pass each checking station. The rate of speed required shall not exceed the rate allowed by law.

Between checking stations, each car may stop for a total elapsed time of five (5) minutes, and no more, without penalization, provided no repairs or adjustments, of any kind whatsoever, (except replenishment of supplies) are made during the time elapsed.

During the noon control, no repairs or adjustments of any kind will be made until the car is checked out.

5.

ROAD REGULATIONS.

Entrants must conform to all laws and ordinances, and the rules of the road.

Any entrant failing to conform therewith, or who shall wilfully obstruct another contestant, or be convicted of a violation of the law, may be penalized or disqualified by the referee, at his discretion.

6.

REFEREE.

The referee may disqualify any car for speed considered by him excessive; for any violation of these rules, or any other reason considered by him as sufficient, or for the interest or benefit of the contest.

Any entrant being disqualified, shall forthwith cease to be a contestant, and shall have no claim of any kind for or on account of the contest against the Memphis Automobile Dealers' Association or any of its members or officials.

The referee shall have power at all times to make such examinations of the cars entered and their contents, as he may deem advisable.

The interpretation of these rules shall be in the referee, whose decision shall be final.

7.

CHECKING STATIONS.

Checking stations will be established at points as shown in schedule. Each car entered must stop at each checking station, and have the time of passing properly taken and recorded by the checker.

8.

OBSERVERS.

Each entrant shall provide the full number of passengers for his car, one of whom shall be an observer. From this number an observer will be assigned to each car, who shall keep an accurate record of all stops, repairs and adjustments, including tires, and the time, place and nature thereof, and deliver such record to the Contest Committee.

9.

REPAIRS AND ADJUSTMENTS.

Repairs or adjustments of any kind whatsoever, except tires, will be penalized, whether the car be in motion or not.

When repairs or adjustments are made, except as to tires, one man only will be allowed to make the same at any one time.

This rule is mandatory, and violation will result in disqualification.

Each contestant will be allowed thirty minutes' total elapsed time for tire repairs between Memphis and Collierville and after leaving Collierville, forty-five minutes to Memphis.

The time consumed by tire repairs will be kept by the observer, and will be added to the contestant's running schedule and cannot, under any conditions, be recovered or made up.

10.

PENALTIES.

Penalties will be imposed as follows: For repairs or adjustments (except tires), 1 point each minute or fraction thereof.

For stopping motor except at noon control at Collierville, 10 points. In addition, 1 point for each minute or fraction thereof until started.

For stalling motor, 10 points.

For leaving or deviating from course, 5 points each minute or fraction thereof.

For lateness at controls, 1 point each minute or fraction thereof.

For being ahead of schedule at controls, 2 points each minute or fraction thereof.

For stops between controls in excess of five minutes, 1 point each minute or fraction thereof.

Detached equipment—

Muffler, 25 points.

Mud-guard, 10 points each guard.

The Contest Committee reserves the right to impose such other penalties as in their judgment may be warranted.

11.

PROTESTS.

Any entrant desiring to enter a protest must first deposit the sum of Five Dollars with the Referee, which sum will be retained if the protest is dismissed, otherwise returned.

All protests must be in writing, and delivered to the Referee before 12 o'clock midnight of May 22, 1908.

The Contest Committee shall consider all protests, and its decision shall be final.

All protests as to entries must be made before the protested car is started.

12.

Each car must stop twenty minutes at Collierville for lunch.

13.

CHANGE OF RULES.

The Contest Committee reserves the right to change or amend these rules without notice.

14.

TROPHY.

The trophy to be awarded will be a solid silver cup, suitably engraved, and donated by the Crescent Jewelry Store, which will be awarded the entrant as his permanent property, whose car is penalized least.

If two or more entrants shall have an equal score, the names of the winners shall all be engraved on the cup, but the ownership thereof shall be determined by lot unless the winners determine the disposition thereof among themselves.

A blue ribbon will be awarded each contestant who finishes with a perfect score.

Route

Start at Commercial Appeal Building;—South on Second to Monroe;—East on Monroe to Wellington Street;—South on Wellington Street to Mississippi Avenue;—Southeast on Mississippi into Hernando Road;—Keep Hernando Road to State Line Road;—About three miles past White Haven, turn East on State Line Road or Oakville Road and keep same through Oakville;—to Germantown;—East from Germantown on Collierville Road to Collierville;—Northeast from Collierville to Macon;—From Macon due West to Cordova;—From Cordova West to Summer Avenue to Overton Park;—Through Overton Park to Poplar;—Poplar to Second;—Second to Commercial Appeal.



Schedule

	<i>Minimum Time</i>	<i>Maximum Time</i>
Memphis to State Line Road,	50 min.	1 hr.
State Line Road to Germantown,	1 hr. 15 min.	1 hr. 30 min.
Germantown to Collierville,	23 min.	30 min.

All cars stop 20 minutes for lunch.

Collierville to Macon,	1 hr. 40 min.	2 hr.
Macon to Cordova,	1 hr. 15 min.	1 hr. 30 min.
Cordova to Com. Appeal Bldg.	1 hr.	1 hr. 15 min.